

TABLE 2
POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR MEBANE

	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Pop. for Mebane Alamance Cty. part	1,488	1,938	1,929	2,186	2,247	2,580	2,800	3,010
Pop. for Mebane Orange Cty. Part	80	122	138	178	186	240	270	300
Total	1,568	2,060	2,067	2,367	2,433	2,820	3,070	3,310

Land Use Trends

The economic activity in Mebane is centered around manufacturing and services. The major industries are furniture manufacturing and textiles. Industrial growth has been steady in the past and is expected to continue in the future at an increased rate.

The breakdown of existing land uses was determined in a 1967 study by the North Carolina Division of Community Planning² and is shown in Table 3. Future land use development is expected to be a build-up of existing uses in the same general locations, such as the residential areas, the Central Business District (CBD), and the manufacturing-warehouse zone of downtown Mebane. New industrial and retail development is expected to continue along and between Interstate 85 and US 70².

TABLE 3
LAND USAGE BASED ON 1967 REPORT

Land Use	Town		Fringe		Planning Area	
	Acres	Percentage Developed	Acres	Percent Developed	Acres	Percent Developed
Residential	286.5	51.3	376.5	44.8	663.0	47.3
Manufacturing	37.5	6.7	7.3	1.0	44.8	3.2
Transportation	141.0	25.2	197.2	23.5	338.2	24.2
Trade	25.0	4.5	13.8	1.2	38.7	2.8
Services	59.5	10.7	30.0	3.7	89.5	6.4
Recreation	9.0	1.6	217.0	25.8	226.0	16.1
Undeveloped	193.5		4,296.2		4,489.8	
TOTAL	752.0	100.0	5,138.0	100.0	5,890.0	100.0

²Land Development Plan Mebane, North Carolina, North Carolina, 1968, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.